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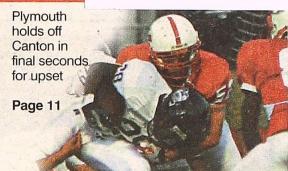
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## Schools: Count day is crucial to district

Molly Tippen Staff Writer

Romulus school officials have pinned their hopes for the future of the district on Sept. 27, the statewide student headcount day.

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On that day, district officials will be better able to take the temperature on fiscal and educational matters at the 4,300-student district, said Carl Weiss, district superintendent.

"The count is crucial for the district because that's what we base our funding on," he said. "We based our numbers on a slight increase this year, but we also have a contingency plan - we figured the worse case scenario would be losing about 200 students, and we can implement that plan, if we have to."

The good news is that the district probably won't have to. Though it's not likely a big influx of students will stream into the district, preliminary numbers indicate only a modest increase or decrease. And numbers for new students at the elementary school level have increased exponentially, said Weiss.

"We're pleased with the number of new students we have this year," he said. "We were able to call back all of the elementary school teachers we had to lay off over the summer, and, we hired two additional teachers.

"This all happened in August – we had to work quickly to hire the teachers," he said, "But also because of the short notice, we had had to move some students around, which doesn't always set well with parents.'

Count day - in which teachers and administrators must count each child in attendance to procure per-pupil funding – is often a stressful time for districts. Finances are stretched at even the most affluent districts because of the statewide economic slump, and districts often

resort to providing free pizza and other amenities to encourage students to show up for class-

During the past 10 years, district estimates indicate that about 750 students have left the district either because their parents moved for out-of-state employment, or to attend any number of charter schools.

When Weiss replaced Joel Carr as superintendent two years ago, he implemented a new Schools of Choice plan at the district to help shore up sagging enrollment. Carr opposed the choice law.

This year, about 96 new applicants from outside of the district have applied for spots at the three of the five Romulus elementary schools, Weiss said.

"We had a good year with School of

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Staff Writer



#### Fall's here

Though the attendance numbers and the official tally for money raised for various causes is still unknown, this much is certain: Everyone had a great time at the 2007 Pumpkin Festival. This year, new features such as the trac tor show and new bands made a splash, including the Camaro Brothers (top right) rhythm and blues band, and the annual bingo game to benefit the Romulus Animal Shelter. Sarah Wadsworth admires a 6-week-old kitten that was up for adoption at the event. All told, five kittens found new homes last week-





## New church opens doors Molly Tippen Romulus.

A new church is opening in

Living Rock Church, located at 33200 Ecorse Road between Merriman and Wayne roads, will officially open with a ribbon cutting scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 26. The church, which has been under construction for several months, is the end point in an effort to create a new home for congregants, said the Rev. Frank Howard, who will lead the

"It took us a long time to get here, but it's finally happening,"

Living Rock opened for services in August, but is having a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the achievement of building the church, and to give local officials and residents not familiar with the church a chance to learn more about the congregation, said

A non-denomination church that was founded in 1976, Living Rock is moving to Romulus from Plymouth, where it were located for 22 years, Howard said. Works started on the Romulus facility in 2000. At that time, church representatives joined the Romulus Christian Ministerial Alliance and the Romulus Chamber of Commerce to better familiarize themselves with the city and resi-

The new building sanctuary seats approximately 325 parishioners. The building also has 15

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The Brave One is worth seeing

Pioneer Day exhibition

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## Badges of honor

Employees Sgt. Bob Dawson, top, and Susan Moore were honored recently for 50 years of combined service to the Belleville Police Department. Dawson has been with the police department for more than 30 years. "He's dedicated himself as a leader where you can always call on him to fix things," said Police Chief Gene Taylor. Moore has been with the police department for 20 years. "She's also dedicated to the job, police department and the city," said Taylor. "Both of them work for the citizens of Belleville." Employees received a commemorative plaque in their honor.



## Schools make 'good grades' from state

Andrea King Staff Writer

Van Buren Public School officials have received preliminary results of the Michigan school report card for Belleville High School.

Officials aren't exactly clear on what they mean, yet, they said.

"Right now we're looking at the data to see what sub-groups didn't make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)," said Pete Lazaroff, superintendent of the school district. "There is an appeal process that gives us a window to review the scores and report back to state."

Results from the middle and elementary schools, however, indicated they made the grade in AYP for the 2006-2007 school year.

"Tm glad we made it," said Dr. Linda Olson, director of personnel. "It's a higher and higher bar each year and the fact that we've continued to make AYP is a promising sign."

The Education Yes report card—a part of the federal No Child Left Behind Act—grades are calculated to AYP status. The report cards are a compilation of student scores on the Michigan Educational Assement Program (MEAP) tests; the MI-Access alternate assessments for students with disabilities; AYP designation and

various school performance indicators, such as family involvement in the schools, curriculum, school improvement plans and professional development for teachers, according to state officials.

Tyler Elementary School received an A; Savage Elementary, Elwell Elementary, Edgemont Elementary, Rawsonville Elementary, Haggerty Elementary and North Middle School each received a B and South Middle School received a C.

South Middle School went down this year from a "B" to a "C" grade. Olson said the reason is because of the percentage increase.

"They did make AYP and continued to improve, but because of the percentage increase from year to year, it's higher and higher and, while you're making the growth there's still points counted against you," she said.

"They're expected to make that same jump and it's counted against you if you don't," said Lazaroff. "South Middle South did make strong gains with social studies."

Van Buren officials said they're working weekly on staff development and differential instruction for continued ways to progress.

"We would like to improve in all areas," said Olson.



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## Lawmaker seeks to strengthen identity theft culpability

Molly Tippen Staff Writer

A Senate bill introduced last week may give law enforcement more tools in the growing crime of identity theft in Michigan.

Senate Bills 703 through 706, if approved by the Legislature, would establish a graduated penalty system that would require those convicted of identity theft to serve more time and pay steeper fines, depending on the severity of damage caused to the victim, said State Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor), who drafted

"Identity theft can tear apart the victim's life, but the penalties criminals face are minimal in comparison," said Basham. "The punishment needs to fit the crime."

Identity theft is a felony punishable by up to five years in jail and a \$25,000 fine, or both. However, the profits individuals make through this activity far outweigh the risks and are simply perceived as a "cost of doing business", officials said. Senate Bill 703 establishes penalties and reforms sentencing guidelines for this type of crime to ensure that the punishment serves as an adequate deterrent to prevent identity theft and protect consumers, Basham said.

Currently, no matter how extensive the identity theft is proved to be, anyone convicted of it receives the same punishment.

Identity theft is a complicated process, with information often passing through the hands of

many individuals before any theft actually occurs, it is crucial that our laws recognize that the person who eventually uses stolen information is not the only person at fault in the identity theft, Basham stated.

Specifically, Senate Bill 706 will allow prosecutors to go after each member of an identity theft ring, a power they currently do not have because of the existing laws. Senate Bills 704 and 705 make technical changes to existing sentencing guidelines and identity theft laws, respectively.

Andrea Cascarilla, Basham's chief of staff, said the bill has been referred to the judiciary committee, and that the senator has not yet asked for talks on the

"Right now, everything has

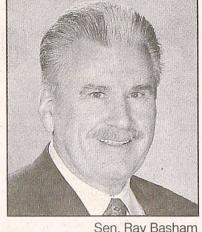
been focused on the budget, and that's rightfully so," she said. "But we worked with the state attorney general, prosecutors and the state police to hopefully strengthen the current law, and we believe it's an important set of bills."

She also said she expects there will be bipartisan support for the bills.

"I haven't spent too much time talking with the Senate Republicans about this because of the budget, but identity theft is devastating, and we expect we'll be able to get support," she said.

In 2005, more than 250,000 Americans were victims of identity theft, with 7,139 of them in Michigan, according to numbers provided by Basham's office.

Identity thieves can use as little as a person's name, Social



Sen. Ray Basham

Security number and date of birth to obtain credit cards, loans and purchase cars. Correcting the damage resulting from identity theft has cost the state and citizens a significant amount of time and money, Basham said.

#### **News in brief**

Storytelling is back

The Romulus Public Library is bringing back fall storytelling. Volunteers and invited storytellers will begin to weave stories for children ages 3- to 5-years-old beginning Sept. 25 and ending on Oct. 31. Sessions are scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays.

There is no charge to attend the sessions, but there are space limitations. Registration is required on a first-come, first-serve basis. The sessions will take place at the Romulus Public Library on 11121 Wayne Road. To register, or to ask questions, call the library at (734) 942-7589.

Youth summit planned

The Loyal Opposition to the Status Quo, Inc (LOSQ) in cooperation with Eastern Michigan University is sponsoring a youth summit, entitled, "A Push for Life: Changing Attitudes of African-American Youths Toward Education."

The purpose of the summit is to engage high school students in critical thinking regarding the academic achievements of African-Americans. The participants themselves will engage in a process of discussing several topics, including issues that relate to African-American youths' attitudes toward education.

The event is designed in conjunction with the Howard University vs. Eastern Michigan University Football game. Activities include high school students being invited to the campus of Eastern Michigan University, where they will participate in the youth summit.

The summit and lunch are free. Each student who pre-registers and participates in the summit will receive a free ticket to the football game. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the LOSQ at (734) 485-7515 or by email at board@losq.org.

YWCA seeks outstanding woman

The Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) is hoping to celebrate the success of an outstanding woman after area residents nominate her for a YWCA of Western Wayne County 2007 Women of Achievement Award.

The Women of Achievement Awards recognize outstanding women throughout Western Wayne County.

Nominees will be honored at the Women of Achievement Awards Luncheon and Silent Auction Nov. 16 at The Dearborn Inn. The program begins at 11 a.m. with a silent auction. The awards presentation begins at 12:15 p.m.

For more information or to request a nomination packet, contact the YWCA at (313) 561-4110. The deadline to nominate is Oct.

#### Church

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separate rooms where classes for all ages take place. After acquiring the 22.5-acre site seven years ago, the church started clearing it for construction.

Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert is scheduled to help cut the ribbon and welcome the church to Romulus, Howard said.

The event is open to non-con-

gregants, and Howard said he encourages anyone who wants to learn more about the church to

The church will conduct Sunday Bible study at 10 a.m. and traditional service at 11 a.m. Evening worship takes place at 6 p.m. Sundays. Family training takes place at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

To learn more about the ceremony or the church, call Living Rock at (734) 641-4321.

## inkster school

Molly Tippen Staff Writer

An Inkster school board member found himself in hot water with local authorities after his eviction from a Middlebelt Road office building.

Hardy James Robb, 36, was arrested by Inkster police officers on Sept. 17 in front of an office building on the 1500 block of Middlebelt Road, where he rented space for a mortgage company.

Officers from the 22nd District Court were evicting him from the property and moving his belongings from the building. Then, according to police reports, Robb became disorderly with officers and the elderly woman who managed the building.

Robb was observed swearing in front of the woman and some young children, and moving his items from the curb to the side of the building, in violation of offi-

Court officers flagged down an Inkster police cruiser for assistance, and Robb was arrested and taken into custody for disorderly behavior. The report indicates that officers suspected Robb might have been intoxicated,

A Law Enforcement Information Network check completed after Robb was taken into custody yielded several outstanding warrants for his arrest that originated in the cities of Inkster, Romulus and Dearborn Heights.

The most serious of the arrest warrants originated in Romulus, where a criminal bench warrant was issued out of the 34th District Court for possession of narcotics paraphernalia and marijuana. Other warrants for driving without a valid driver's license in Inkster and another traffic violation out of Dearborn Heights.

After Robb appeared at the 22nd District Court to answer to the disorderly conduct charges, he was placed in custody at the Inkster jail. He will be transported to the other cities to appear in court on those infractions.

Robb was slotted into a vacant Inkster School Board seat in 2004, when only two citizens filed for two open seats. He is currently serving a 4-year-term.

James Richardson, a fellow school board member, did not want to specifically comment about Robb's predicament.

"We were all pulled into a meeting by (Superintendent Tom Maridada and School Board President Jean Fuller) and asked not to make any comments to the media," he said. "I'm trying to comply with the board's protocol."

The school board seat is Robb's only elected position in the city, but he was also appointed by the Inkster City Council to serve on the Inkster Cable Commission.

Robb remained in custody at the Inkster Jail Tuesday and was not available for comment for this

## **27 seek Belleville city manager job**

Andrea King Staff Writer

Belleville could see a new city manager as soon as the regular city council meeting Oct. 15.

Officials decided Monday night to start the review process of applicants this week. Twentyseven people have applied for the position.

"We can do the review within the week and turn something in next week," said Councilman George Chedraue. "Then, on the next meeting we can decide who we want to offer interviews to."

An evaluation group including city councilmembers, a representative from the Downtown

Development Authority and the Civil Service Commission, was formed to review the applicants. The review process will be similar to the other evaluations with a rating system to determine the top four or five candidates who will be interviewed and go through a reference and background check, according to Mayor Tom Fielder.

"We can discuss who stands out and it doesn't have to be at the meeting to start the process," he said. "Background and reference checks will be done between that two-week period. That way we have time to identify who we want to talk to and when we do."

A special meeting at 6 p.m. on Oct. 1 will take place to discuss the top candidates. Interviews could then follow on Oct. 13 during another special meeting. Officials could recommend someone to hire at the Oct. 15 regular city council meeting, Fielder said.

Former City Manager Walter Mears, who was on the job about four months, was terminated Aug. 6 after he received a vote of no confidence from councilmembers. City Clerk/Treasurer Diana Kollmeyer then became acting city manager.

The deadline to apply for Belleville city manager expired last Wednesday.

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Choice," he said. "It's going to help us out."

Celeste Roscoe, the president of the Romulus School Board, said if the number is slightly up or down, it's not likely to impact the

district drastically.

"I think we're going to be about where we were last year," she said. "I don't look for big increases."

She also said the expectation of huge increases in the short term for the district may be out-ofmy and the number of people moving or expecting a job transfer, I don't think we'll see big numbers for several years," she said. "Honestly, I just look for them to come and go."

Another count will be conducted in October. Per-pupil funding is based on an average of the two numbers.

"Given the state of the econo-

## Pay up or get out

Pay up now, or drop out of the race.

That's our advice to Courtney Owens, an Inkster resident challenging Councilman Ron Johnson for a seat on the Inkster City Council.

Owens, who owes more than \$5,000 in taxes to the city and other taxing agencies, said he would pay the bill prior to Dec. 7 when the city charter otherwise dictates he be removed from the city council. The city charter does not preclude a resident who owes back taxes from running for office, but stipulates that he or she must have them paid within 30 days of assuming the position.

It's nice that Mr. Owens recognizes his debt and has pledged to pay it. He said he's currently going through a refinancing, and that he'll have the money long before the final deadline.

Again, that's nice to hear, but it's not good enough.

Those who hold public office—and indeed, those who seek public office—have to recognize that they'll be held to a higher standard than the regular citizen. At the very least, that includes paying your bills on time, no matter how large they may be. We think it's disrespectful of Owens to ask the residents of Inkster-most of whom toil long and hard to keep their own finances in check-to vote him into office before this issue has been cleared up.

After all, how can Owens weigh in on the city budget-one of the primary duties of a councilman—when his own affairs are in arrears?

Maybe Owens is in the midst of a refinancing. Maybe he is waiting for his salary as a member of the city council to help pay off the debt. Either way, we'd like to see more action on this than a mere pledge to pay prior to the city-imposed deadline.

Some in Inkster might consider this a political ploy put forth by Owens' opponent. It's not. It's a simple request that all council candidates play by the rules that all residents have to follow. We're sure that Owens, who has plenty of good ideas, would be a benefit to the city

He just has to take care of his own business-and convince the vot-

#### Worth a little extra-this time

It was easy to cringe when the first round of requests for proposals on the Critical Sidewalk Replacement program in Wayne turned up no bidders.

We had to wince a little bit, too, when the second round turned up a single bidder, whose submittal was 'close' to city estimates.

Before Wayne residents get too riled up, though, and jump to the conclusion that the city is willing to overspend on all projects funded through the road improvement millage, they should remember that this is a special case.

The timing of the millage and the necessity of the work dictated that it wouldn't be bid at an opportune time. City officials didn't know if they'd have any money to work with until May, and it takes time to go through and survey all the sidewalks to determine what needs to be done. They couldn't have requested proposals until they had that information, even though it meant asking for proposals at a time when most companies were already busy, or thinking of shutting it down for the year:

It's important to get this done prior to the end of the year, though, for a couple of reasons. First, the residents need to see quick work following their approval of a 1-mill levy to fix roads and sidewalks throughout the city.

Secondly, the sidewalks scheduled to be replaced are huge liability concerns. They need to be taken care of before the snow flies or ice

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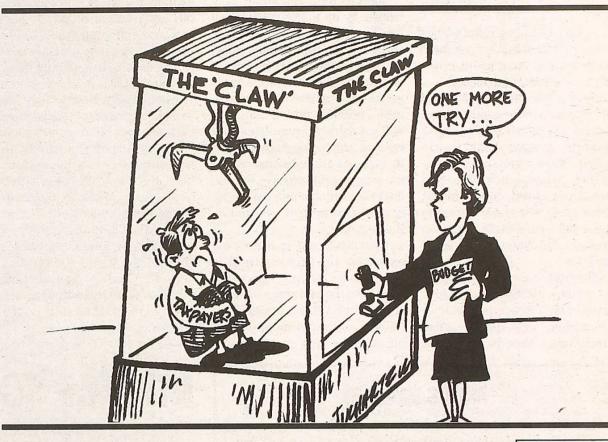
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## Mural is more than a painting

"Nice hat." I told David Fichter Sunday night.

It was pushing 7 p.m., but he and his partner, Joshua Winer, were still at work on the mural at the State Wayne Theater.

The muralists' eyebrows shot up toward the aforementioned lid, a gray ball cap emblazoned with the words 'Wayne, Michigan' separated by a patch of red, white and blue. It was the cleanest part of his outfit; his faded coveralls were smeared with finger-sized stripes of drying paint, his shoes speckled like tiny Jackson Pollack

Behind him the history of Wayne was coming to life on the huge mural that covered four panels of the city-owned theater.

They were at work because there was still plenty of light left and, as Fichter said, the fear of winter was upon them. I had happened by as a stop on an early evening bike ride and found Hal Hultman, vice-chair of the Wayne 2020 Committee, admiring the progress.

"It's really looking good," he said.

The trio debated momentarily whether they should add a pair of safety goggles to the depiction of Jeff Washington, who has been the president of the UAW Local 900 for more than two decades. The painting captures the essence of Washington's years of toil and the muralists didn't want to do anything to cover it up, union regulations or no.

Those relatively simple

touches—a hat that promotes the town and the debate over how best to illustrate one of its prominent figures—show why they were the right choice to begin the public art program in downtown Wayne. It also reaffirmed my opinion that the mural can be more than just a pretty painting on the side of a building.

The relevance of public art is probably something that will be debated until the end of time. There has been feedback from both sides in the Wayne case. Most of it has been positive—in my experience, at least—although there have been some that have questioned the expense of Downtown Development Authority (DDA) funds on the project. City Councilwoman Beverly Shackleford said that she could not commit to continuing the public art program until she knew more about the upcoming budget, citing concerns over police and fire staff levels. Residents have weighed in, too, through our web site, expressing concerns that the mural won't help bring in any additional businesses.

I think it will help because it's something dif-

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### Dog's best friend, and worst enemy

It was a sad and sorry site at the 22nd District some food and water, and a little Court a few weeks ago.

Eight men stood before Judge Sylvia A. James to answer to allegations that they committed crime against perhaps society's only undisputed victims animals that in another incarnation may have been somebody's best friend.

The men were accused of dogfighting - a brutal bloodsport associated with gambling that typically results in the animal's death. The crime has been in the news lately, with the admission from NFL quarterback Michael Vick that he ran what authorities say was an extensive dogfighting operation.

We hear so much about crime today, but there's something about crimes against animals that makes the blood boil. You have to wonder how people could engage in such activities, and how heartless one would have to be to routinely place animals in harm's way. Especially for gambling - a hobby, or a compulsion - that has many other outlets.

I've had companion animals my entire life. Dogs and cats, it turns out, have often been better friends than people. They don't typically remind you of your failures,

or give you grief when you're having a bad day. They really just look for care and consideration; attention.

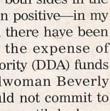
I have to restrain myself whenever there are adoptable

pets at grocery store. It's just so hard to see perfectly healthy, viable dogs and cats in cages.

It's also difficult to listen to anyone who defends cruelty to animals - we need to realize we share the Earth with these creatures, and in all cases, they are worthy of our respect.

And as the direct opposite of the Inkster men and Michael Vick, we have the most actively proanimal person I know, Romulus Councilman William Wadsworth. He once again organized a bingo game to benefit the construction of new animal shelter and adoption center last weekend. The totals aren't in on how much he raised, but the prospect of replacing the new building are getting closer with each event. Wadsworth had adoptable cats on site, and about five found new homes. Wadsworth told me that at any given time, there are about 20 pets that need a caring home at the shelter.

The best pets, I find, are the ones that you save. They always seem to know you rescued them. I advise anyone who's looking for a new pet go to the shelter. You just may meet your new best friend.



Edge

## Chamber networking 'Table to Table' event today

Staff Writer

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will again host a Table-to-Table Networking semi-

The event will take place from 2-5 p.m. today at the Woodlands of Van Buren. It will offer the opportunity for individuals to present themselves and their business to more than 40 potential customers in a single day, according to Kathie Steigerwald, president of the chamber of com-

When we hosted this seminar last March, the response from participants was very positive. We are pleased to again present this event to bring new opportu-

nities to their business or organization, "she said. "The seminar will be a valuable experience for all companies who attend."

The roundtable network seminar is a series of sessions where participants divide into groups, make a presentation about their company and then switch tables. People get to say what they do and need and, exchange phone numbers, said Janet Millard, director of the chamber of commerce.

"Everyone loved it last time. It's a comfortable way of doing business, which I liken to retail, where the business can come to you," she said. "In the past, people said it was inspiring and they wanted the seminar more than once a year."

Mike King of Everything Wood, said he truly enjoyed the past network session.

"I got a lot out of it and made many new contacts," he said. "What a deal it was, where else can you pay \$25 for lunch, several hours of networking and happy hour; it's worth it at twice the price."

Joyce Adams of Coldwell Banker Schweitzer, said it was an opportunity to meet interesting people and leads for her busi-

"The facilitator of the last seminar did a wonderful job. He was informative, knowledgeable about his field and a very likeable person," she said. "The chamber should consider holding more of these—maybe every three or four months—I think more and more people will attend at each session they have."

"I went into it hoping to learn how I could better meet the needs of the community and did," said Brad Handley of Avis Rent-A-Car. "Surprisingly, the need I was able to meet was not where I expected it, but the session has already led to new business. I also really appreciated the primer session on how to market effectively in a short time."

So far, many area businesses have signed-up, too, said Millard.

"We have around 30 now and we're hoping to fill up," she said.

The cost is \$20. Space is limited and on a first-come-first-serve basis. To reserve a spot or for more information, call (734) 697-7151.

#### Mural

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forms.

ferent. The old way of doing things will not work at a time when everyone is hesitant to make any kind of investment. City officials will have to be willing to invest in their town before anyone else will.

You can make an argument that they are already willing to, that the Michigan Avenue Reconstruction project shows it because they're using DDA funds to expand the streetscape and provide additional flourishes that make it more than just a road project.

People expect to see that kind of thing, though. If a road is bad, they expect it to get fixed. They don't necessarily expect the next step, the attempt to differentiate themselves from another community the willingness to look beyond relatively simple infrastructure improvements to try to change the aesthetics.

That's what the mural project means to me, and I have a hard time understanding

This project is more than a painting. It could just be the

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why it's been such a difficult door to open

It can't just be the budget, either. To hesitate to spend \$50,000 on downtown improvements from a \$6.2 million budget set up to pay for downtown improvements is just laughable.

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It's true the bids might be a little higher than city officials would have liked. They must not be overly so, or they would have merely rejected them and had city employees do what they could.

Moving forward, however, will be another story. There's no reason not to plan far enough in advance to get good competitive bids on all projects and ensure the residents will get the most work for their hard-earned dollars.

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BID ENVELOPES MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE BID NUMBER AND NAME AND BE ADDRESSED TO:

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#### **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, on Wednesday, September 26, 2007, at 7:30 PM to consider the following:

Adoption of a proposed "South Side" amendment to the Master Plan of the Charter Township of Van Buren focusing on lands located south of Belleville Lake.

A complete text of the proposed amendment is available for review at the Township Department of Developmental Services Office. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In spirit of compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, individuals with disability should fee free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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## Pioneer Day exhibition set for Saturday

Meghan Chatham Staff Writer

Visitors to Nankin Mills will experience history firsthand on Saturday when the Wayne County Parks Department recreates life in the 1800s for the annual Pioneer Day.

From 1-5 p.m., families will be able to witness what everyday life was like for pioneers who lived in Michigan two centuries ago. Demonstrators in historic garb will show visitors how basic chores such as cooking over an open fire and churning butter were accomplished. Other jobs, including those of a blacksmith, flour grinder, lumberjack, rope maker, and wool spinner, will be demonstrated.

Participants won't just watch the displays, however. They'll have an opportunity to 'live' history as they listen to the music of a string band or create their own cider to take home—if they provide their own clean apples and a plastic jug. The pressing equipment is limited, however, so use is restricted to no more than one paper bag full of apples per group.

Children will also be able to burn off some energy through hands-on games and activities, including tug-of-war, sack races, and hoop and stick races.

Most activities are free of charge. There will be a \$4 per person fee for the children's crafts tent and the carriage rides or hayrides. Concession stands will be open, too.

The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is located at 33175 Ann Arbor Tr. in Westland.

The primary parking lot is situated off of Hines Drive, just east of Ann Arbor Trail. Hines Drive will be closed from Ann Arbor Trail to Outer Drive due to the Saturday in the Park event. To attend Family Pioneer Day, participants should take Ann Arbor Trail to the Hines Drive intersection, proceed slowly around the barricades on Hines Drive, and follow the signs to the designated parking area.

The event will take place rain or shine in the center and the surrounding parklands. For more information, visit www.waynecountyparks.org or call (734) 261-1990.



Demonstrations of tasks like log cutting will be featured as interactive events during the Pioneer Day at Nankin Mills on Saturday. Demonstrators in authentic costume will show visitors what life was like for pioneers in the area during the 1800s. Skills like 1800s hoop spinning will be taught to visitors to Pioneer Day at Nankin Mills on Saturday.

## Mothers group plans Strides for Change

Andrea King Staff Writer

Step by step, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) members want to empower change. They will soon take another leap during the Strides for Change walk.

The 5K walk for Wayne, Oakland and other Metro Detroit counties, will take place on Sept. 29 at Boulan Park in Troy. The event will emphasize the organization mission which is to support the victims of drunk driving and prevent underage drinking, according to group officials.

"This is a way to give MADD exposure and to continue our programs, particularly with youth underage drinking prevention," said Ne'Chole McClendon, executive director for the MADD Wayne County chapter.

"It's about community awareness, but also a way for the community to come together and take action," said Beth Sowulewski, development officer for MADD Southeast Michigan. "Many have experienced the loss of a loved one or friend who has been killed by drunk driving incidents. Events like this educate the community to take action."

The third annual non-competitive walk will start at 8:30 a.m. with activities and the opening ceremony. The walk will start at 9 a.m. with businesses, schools, organizations, families, children and pets invited to attend.

"So far we've had a lot of community and sponsor support," said Sowulewski.

The goal is to generate

\$130,000. MADD has already generated about 91 percent of that through sponsors and other donations, said Sowulewski.

"We encourage walkers to come out. It's a wonderful, family-friendly event," said McClendon.

To participate, walkers can form teams or sign-up as an individual walker. Since it's non-competitive, people can simply walk what they can, said Sowulewski.

"It's free, it's not competitive, we just ask people to raise what they can and learn," she said.

Activities are planned throughout the morning for non-walkers, including: a kid's zone with inflatables, a climbing wall and puppet shows; entertainment by Doug FM, the Beach Cats "traveling beach party" and emcee Ron Savage; the Takata 'Wii' driving game; a health and safety area and a MADD survivor/victim area to honor and pay tribute.

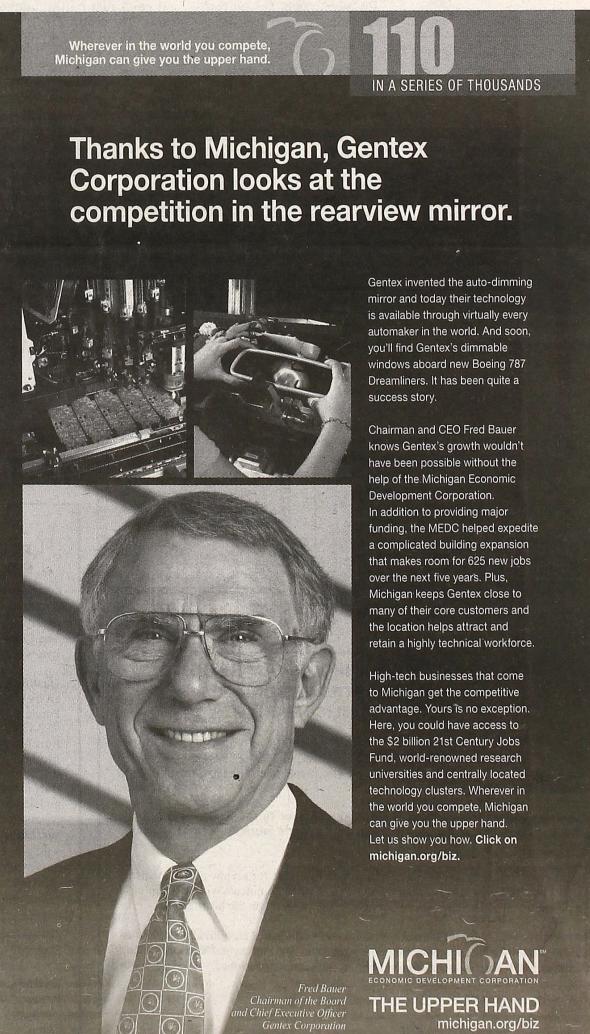
People can also test their dog's skills at the dog agility course area and feed them a doggie snack, too. Plenty of prizes will be awarded for individuals, teams and the canines.

The goal of the MADD organization is to eliminate drunk driving within the next 10 years, officials said.

"Every year, nearly 16,000 people are killed by drunk driving," said Sowulewski.

"One life lost is one too many," said McClendon.

To register or for more information, visit www.stridesforchange.org or call (586) 997-6509.



## Local woman vies for Miss Michigan USA title

Scott Spielman Editor

Loretta A. Morman is taking on a new challenge this weekend.

That's not an easy thing to say for the Northville resident, who is currently a junior at Michigan State University.

The talented woman is already an accomplished actress, singer and model—having appeared in advertisements for Jacobsen's and K-Mart—but involvement in the Miss Michigan USA pageant is a new adventure.

Morman, along with about 80 other hopefuls, will travel to Port Huron this weekend for the first round of competition.

"It's my first pageant, so I'm a little nervous about that," she said. "You have girls in there that have been competing in pageants since they were two."

A graduate of Mercy High School, Morman and her family have lived in Northville for about three years now. They're active with the Christian Tabernacle Church in Southfield—her father, James, is the pastor there and her mother, also named Loretta, is an administrator.

Loretta is currently studying psychology at Michigan State, with the goal of obtaining a master's and doctorate in the field and going into child psychology.

"She's always had a warm heart," her mother said.

Morman has acted in several church plays and sings with the choir. She took a trip to California this year, where she took part in a series of acting workshops that proved eye-opening, as well.

"It was a good experience," she said. "I had just looked at acting as something fun to do. That told me you could do it as a career—if you put your mind to it."

The pageant takes place Saturday night, but the event gets under way today. Participants check in at 9 a.m. and get put to work soon after that. The following two days are comprised of a hectic schedule consisting of several practices that start soon after breakfast and keep the girls busy until late at night.

The pageant itself is a pre-cursor to the Miss USA competition, which awards about \$100,000 in scholarships. The grand prize for the Michigan competition is a \$12,000 scholarship as well as the opportunity to move on to the national pageant—and take part in events all over the state.

Contestants are judges on swimsuit, interview and evening gowns.

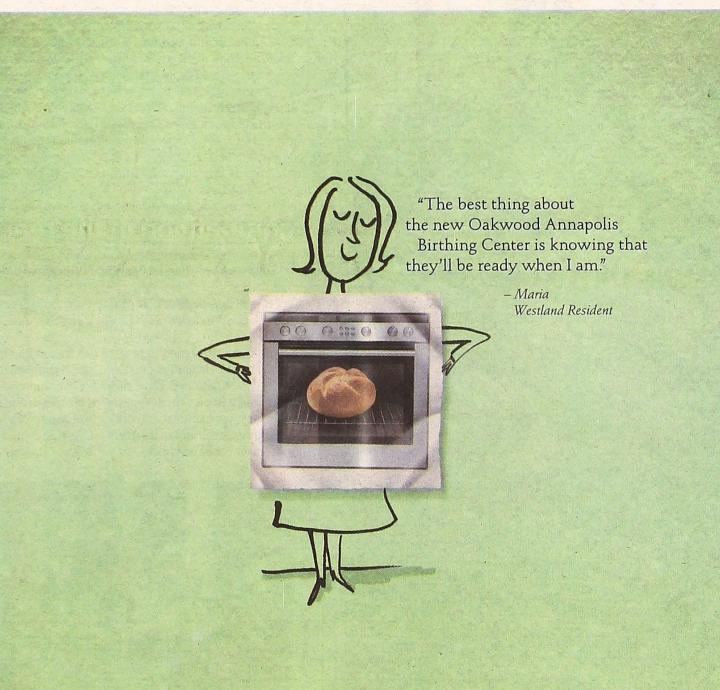
"There's no talent component," Morman said. "I was sad about that because I wanted to sing."

She said that since it's her first pageant, she doesn't know what to expect from it. Whatever it is, she said she'll take it in stride.

"I just want to go and meet new people, gain some friends and do some networking," she said.



Loretta A. Morman of Northville is one of about 80 candidates seeking the title of Miss Michigan, USA this weekend.



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## THE SCENE

# Twant my dog back's The Brave One

## Film prompts moral and ethical questions

When a film features Academy Award winners or nominees in leading roles, it gets my attention. *The Brave One* is a perfect example.

Starring two-time Oscar winner Jodie Foster and last year's Best Actor Nominee Terrence Howard, and directed by Neil Jordan (awarded for his film *The Crying Game*), the film was filled with potential. It meets and even exceed it on several levels.

In the first half-hour of the film, we are introduced to Erica Bain (Foster), who lives in her beloved New York City, has her own public radio show, and is deeply in love with her long-time boyfriend David (Naveen Andrews, a.k.a. Sayid Jarrah from *Lost*).

The action takes off quickly and audiences are soon attached to the two characters anxious to tie the knot. The couple is taking a late night stroll in Central Park with their dog, when they are viciously attacked by two hoods. The scene definitely takes the viewer by surprise—the violence is overwhelming and very

After the attack, Erica wakes up from a three-week coma to find that David has died from the severe beating. This is the moment Erica becomes a completely different person, and this transition is excellently portrayed by Foster. Erica is now frightened to walk down her own apartment hallway alone. The city that she loved so much becomes dark and scary. She discovers quickly that she cannot keep living in this terror, and to calm her fears, she does what would have at one time been unthinkable. She buys a gun.

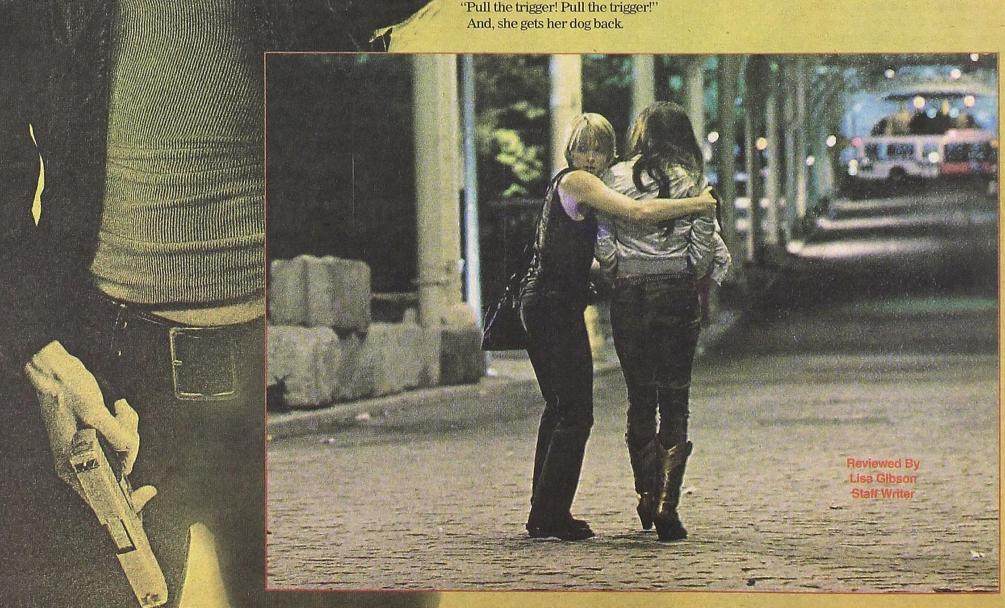
From there on, the movie really delivers on several levels.

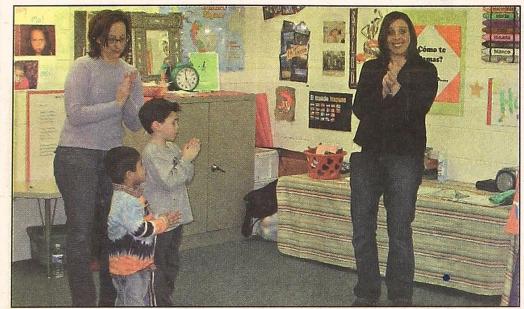
The film is a goldmine of suspense and drama. Foster's performance meets her usual stellar standards and she takes audiences along for the whole journey. The entire plot relies heavily on her character's reactions and responses. Had she failed, this would have sunk to nothing more than an estrogen infused version of *Death Wish*. Charles Bronson she's not

It is also nice to see Terrence Howard continue to pick great scripts. Look for musician Lenny Kravitz' 19-year-old daughter, Zoe, who is quite impressive as prostitute

The film is designed to prompt discussion and questions: "What would I do in this situation? How far is too far for revenge?" It touches topics such as self-defense, murder, and the fine line of the law. *The Brave One* has some far-fetched moments, but it is a great dark drama that will prompt discussion by both men and women.

This is a very sophisticated film that will have viewers on the edge of their seats yelling, "Pull the trigger! Pull the trigger!"





Bilingual Fun founder, Jennifer Manriquez sings a song in Spanish for two of her young

## Family Fiesta is Saturday

Lester L. Holmes, Jr. Staff Writer

An event this weekend will help bring some additional culture to the community.

The First Baptist Church in Plymouth will invite people to learn about Mexican and Spanish cuisine and dance this Saturday as a Plymouth-based language arts school hosts a fiesta in recognition of National Hispanic Heritage Month.

"The Plymouth community is an excellent place for this," said Jennifer Manriquez, the founder of Bilingual Fun. The school that teaches children from 18 months to 12 years old—along with their parents—how to speak and translate Spanish. She said the event is a way for the Plymouth community to celebrate Latin culture and to support a good cause.

"A portion of our proceeds from Saturday will go toward Vista Nuevas, a bilingual Head Start program in southwest Detroit," said the language educator.

According to Manriquez, the fiesta will feature an exhibition of Latin ballroom dancing, including salsa/merengue, and tango. The Mariachi Mexico Restaurant in Canton will provide the food. Event attendees should also expect to\_play games, sing songs and experience a few surprises, she added.

Since she started the school in the living room of her Canton home in 2003, the former Texas high school Spanish teacher has moved her office to the First Baptist Church. She's produced two Spanish speaking educational videos and has worked with more than 60 area children and families, too.

Manriquez's unique curriculum, which

teaches Spanish to children and parents together, has also garnered national attention through feature stories by ABC News and Redbook Magazine.

Manriquez said the goal of the curriculum is to have the children practice with their parents at home to reinforce the lessons learned in class.

Becoming bilingual may also help students with their reading and math scores. Research from several leading educational institutes indicates bilingual student have higher cognitive ability than students who know only one language.

While admitting she is not at a full conversational level of Spanish, Anne Puvalowski said her two sons-ages 4 and 6—are well on their way to becoming bilingual.

"I wanted my children to understand how important it is to learn two different languages, said Puvalowski, a Canton resident who wants her children to be prepared to compete in multicultural workforce.

"It will make them more marketable in the workplace and everywhere you go now things are in two different languages," Puvalowski said.

The Bilingual Fun Family Fiesta to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church located on 45000 North Territorial Road in Plymouth Township. Tickets for adults cost \$10 with advance registration or \$12 at the door. Student tickets are \$5. Children under 10 years old admitted free. For more information on the fiesta or Spanish classes, visit www.bilingualfun.com or call (734) 748-

Meghan Chatham Staff Writer

Gleaming chrome and black leather will mix with baby dolls and board games Sunday when motorcycle enthusiasts head to Westland City Hall for the 13th Annual Motor City Toy Run.

Sponsored by Motor City Harley Owners Group (HOG) Chapter 2368, the ride offers participants a chance to cruise together with officers from the Westland Police Department on a 30-mile-long escorted trip. In return, riders provide toys and cash donations to the Westland Community Foundation for distribution to the Salvation Army, Wayne-Westland

"It's a way to help out the local community and to ride-it's twice the fun," said Larry 'Rigid' Telling, director of Motor City HOG Chapter 2368.

Individuals interested in participating

in the ride should arrive at Westland City Hall between 10 a.m. and noon on Sunday to register. Telling added that all bikes are welcome. The ride is \$10 per person with the donation of a new, unwrapped toy or \$15 per person without a toy donation. Westland City Hall is located at 36601 Ford Road between Newburgh and Wayne roads. The ride will take place rain or "I'm hoping we get about 500 people," said Telling. "Last year, we had about 300. It all depends on the weather.'

The ride will come to an end at Joy Manor, located 28999 Joy Road in Westland. There, participants will be able to continue the party. Pizza, salad, soft drinks, and door prizes are included for ride participants. A cash bar will also be available.

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## Firefighters 'Fill the Boot' for charity drive

Molly Tippen Staff Writer

Inkster is one of the

companies that's always

supported us. They

really went above an

beyond this year -

last year, they raised

about \$1,000.

**Rob Merritt** 

Inkster firefighters once again participated in the Muscular Dystrophy Association "Fill the Boot" campaign.

Members of the Inkster Professional Firefighter's Union were seen recently

at several major intersections in the city collecting funds for the association, which pays for programs and research to benefit men, women and children suffering from the disease.

Rob Merritt, the program coordinator for the western Wayne County branch of the association, said the \$2,200 dollars generated in Inkster is more than twice what firefighters have raised in the past.

"Inkster is one of the companies that's always supported us," he said. "They really went above an beyond this year last year, they raised about \$1,000."

Union president Sgt. Jeff Kitzman organized the fundraising activities. He said all of the 18 members of the department participated in the fundraiser.

"I can't really say that we did anything different this year, but I made it a higher priority since becoming the union president," he said. "It's a charity firefighters have supported for years and years."

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televised telethon that raises millions of dollars for the group, the Fill the Boot this is the association's largest fundraiser. Merritt said.

"Several departments take part in the campaign, and we had a lot of participation out of Wayne County this year," he said. "We don't have a final tally for (the

> money raised) this year, but were on target to exceed last year's total."

> In 2006, firefighters about generated \$270,000 throughout western Wayne County.

> Muscular dystrophy is a disease that weakens the body's muscles. It's caused by incorrect genetic information that impedes the body's ability to manufacture proteins. As a result, those who suffer from the disease are often unable to walk. In

the most severe cases, some individuals are unable to breathe easily or ambu-

The symptoms of the disease typically make their first appearance in early childhood.

Though the disease has nothing to do with fire, firefighters have been involved with the association since the 1960s. Each year, the president of the International Association of Firefighters, which is the parent union for the Inkster union, appears on the Jerry Lewis telethon.



Rob Merritt (second from left) of the Muscular Dystrophy Association is flanked by (left to right) Firefighter Eric Ramirez, Capt. Jeff Jackym, Sgt. Chris Crawley, Insp. Bob Roths, Sgt. Jeff Kitzman, and Capt. Jerry Williams.

the connection between firefighters and the association runs deep.

"I would say that almost every department in this area does something with the MDA, even if it's not Fill the Boot," he said. "I can never remember a time when firefighters didn't support this charity."

He also said he's proud of the money the firefighters raised.

"It's not easy to raise that kind of money in a department this size," he said. "But they spent a lot of their personal time raising money."

The goal of the association is to sup-

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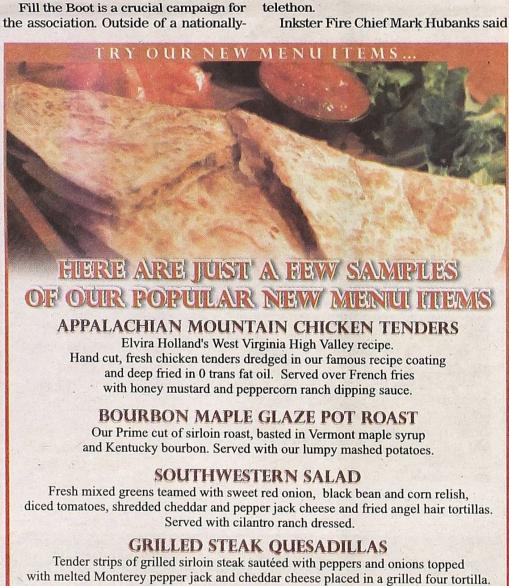
port research that will eventually yield a cure for Muscular Dystrophy, which affects about 1,800 families locally, according to the association. The funds raised through the Fill the Boot initiative will provide funding for activities that directly affect the local families, said Merritt.

The association in general provides support scientists looking for a cure by providing research grant dollars.

The association also funds hospital programs and provides assistance a support for sufferers and their family through activities and advocacy.

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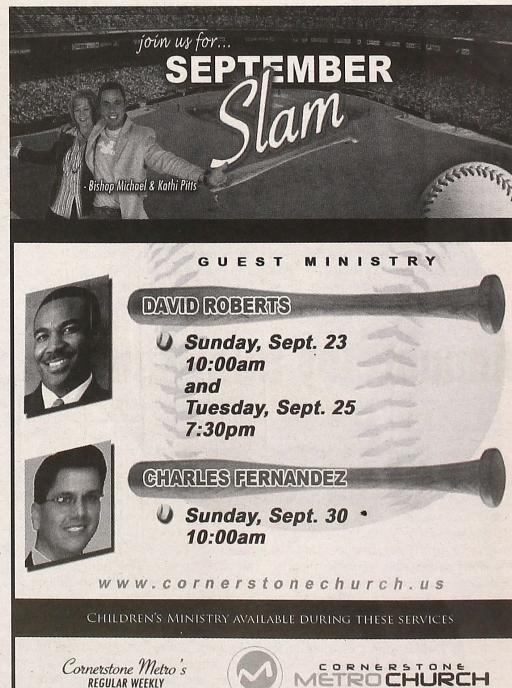
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## **SPORTS**

## Plymouth holds off Canton in final-second upset

Jeff Novak Staff Writer

Call it the biggest upset in high school football this year.

Or call it the biggest win in Plymouth High School history or of Head Coach Mike Sawchuck's Plymouth coaching

Any way that you look at it, the Plymouth win over Canton Friday night was big—huge, in fact.

The Wildcats held off the Canton Chiefs' final effort in the waning seconds for a 22-20 victory on Friday night.

"It feels good," Sawchuck said of the first-ever Plymouth-over-Canton win in school history. "It makes it even more special because we did it the right way. The kids worked their tails off—we have great kids. The thing I am most proud of is my coaching staff. They did a great job preparing these kids.

"I'll tell you that that is a hell of a team over there," he added about Canton. "They are well coached and I have the utmost respect for them."

The contest couldn't have been any more exciting.

The Chiefs trailed by two points with less than two minutes to play. They started on the Canton 28 and marched to the Plymouth 40-yard line with a scramble by senior quarterback Adam Powers and a 28-yard pass to William Tidwell. Two plays later, Plymouth senior linebacker Kyle Wallath busted through the Canton offensive line for a near sack, forcing Powers to throw the ball away. Canton was charged with intentional grounding.

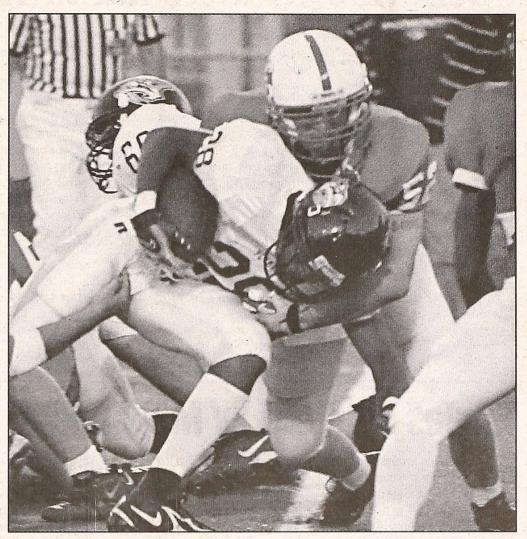
Jordan Raiford moved Canton back to the Plymouth 42 on an eight-yard run to make it fourth-and-12, but Plymouth's Ronnie Goble sacked Powers to end the drive

Despite the Chiefs' shortcoming, Coach Tim Baechler was proud of his team.

"Tm so proud of them there in the second half, but unfortunately we made too many mistakes in the first half," he said. "Especially with our offense. It's not an easy task coming back from a 14-0 hole. We played like we were young and inexperienced because we are.

"(Plymouth) didn't make any mistakes as far as turning the ball over," he added. "And despite all of that stuff we still came back and almost got it. We didn't deserve to win, but the kids came back and almost got it."

It looked like Canton would dominate the game early. The Chiefs plowed their way to the 'Cats' 10-yard line. They pounded the ball to the one, but Plymouth held tough, stuffing Canton on a fourth-andgoal. After Plymouth was forced to punt, Canton set up shop near midfield and moved the ball near the Plymouth 20-

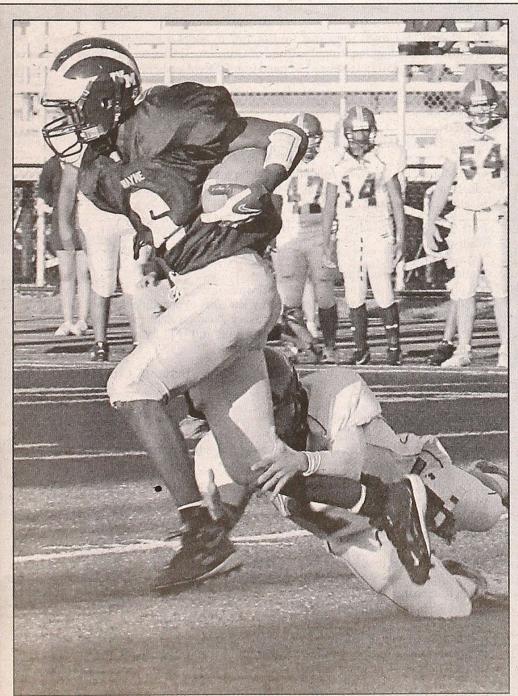


Plymouth senior running back Myron Puryear pushes through Canton's defense and across the goal line to give the Wildcats a 14-0 lead in the first half. Plymouth stunned Canton, 22-20. Photo by Jeff Novak

yard-line before Daniel Stoney's 38-yard field goal attempt missed its mark.

The tables turned in the second quarter when Plymouth recovered its own punt that hit a Canton player near midfield. Five plays later, senior quarterback C.J. Gregory threw a 15-yard strike to senior wideout Mike Hanchett. Mike

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Wayne's Eric Williams tries to break free from a Franklin defender in Friday's 21-18 home loss. Wayne lost the game with the Patriots, 21-18, in the final seconds of the game when Franklin completed a Hail Mary touchdown pass. Photo by Jeff Novak

## **Hail Mary pass beats Wayne**

We had

good coverage

but the quarterback

had six and

half seconds

to throw the ball.

Jeff Novak Staff Writer

So close, but so far.

Wayne controlled visiting Franklin for most of the gridiron contest on Friday, but a successful Hail Mary pass ended what could have been the Zebras' best start in four years.

The 35-yard jump ball on fourth-and-25 gave the visiting Patriots a 21-18 lead with 10 seconds left in the game. Franklin's 6-foot-5 receiver, Israel

Woolfork, pulled the pass down above Wayne's 5-foot-9 defensive back Alan Freeman for the win.

The win was the Patriots' first of the season. Wayne sank to

"We just didn't get it done," said Wayne Coach Craig Hnatuk. "We had good coverage but the quarter-

back had six and half seconds to throw the ball. If I had to do it over again, I would have sent in two linebackers instead of just one to have a shot at him."

Wayne took control of the game early and scored on two of its first three possessions

Senior quarterback D.J. Freeman punched in a score from four yards out. A bad snap on the extra-point attempt gave the Zebras the lead, 6-0.

Then Wayne recovered a Patriot fumble on the Franklin 25. The offense

stalled at the five-yard line and the Zebras missed the field goal.

Then junior running back Anthony Baskin scampered 42 yards for a score. The Zebras missed the extra point, but Wayne had a 12-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Undeterred, the winless Patriots put together two scoring drives in the second frame.

Senior quarterback Jesse Carpenter tossed a 19-yard pass to Mark McRobb to make it a 14-7 game. Carpenter then hit

Brian Humenay with a 17-yard strike at the end of the half for a 14-12 Franklin lead.

Wayne seemed to put the game out of reach when D.J. Freeman hit Antwain Callaway on a short screen pass that went 50 yards for a score. The touchdown gave the Zebras an 18-14 advantage with just

1:35 left to play.

It seemed even more unlikely that Franklin would score on the final drive when, on third down with 40 seconds left, Wayne junior nose guard Ryan Nesbitt sacked Carpenter for a loss. The play brought up fourth-and-25 from Wayne's 35.

The rest is history.

"We have to regroup," Hnatuk said. "We still have a shot. Everyone in the division has one loss except Western. We

See Zebras, page 12

## SPORTS

## Belleville gridders fall to Titans

Staff Writer

A late fumble squashed the Belleville Tigers' hope of gaining their first win of the season.

Instead, the visiting Southgate Titans squeaked out a 13-6 victory on Friday night.

Trailing 13-6 in the final minutes of the game, Belleville put together a drive that landed the Tigers inside Titan territory. On a fourth-and-five play, Belleville fumbled on the Southgate fiveyard line. It would have given them a first down with less than a minute to go, but the Titans recovered and ran out the clock for the win.

Belleville scored first when

Jeff Novak quarterback Rod Barksdale snuck in for a two-yard touchdown on the team's second possession of the game.

> Southgate took over the lead, 7-6, in the second quarter and then assembled a 16- play, nineminute drive in the third that ended in a touchdown that gave them a 13-6 advantage.

> When all was said and done, the contest was probably the Tigers' best showing this season; they limited the potentially explosive Titans to just 13

> Belleville's senior linebacker Roger Roper led the team in tackles. Senior tackle Warren Eakes was a force on both sides of the ball, according

"That was probably Roper's best game of his career," LaPointe said. "He gave us all he could give us. Eakes also played extremely well on both offense and defense."

It won't get any easier for the Tigers, either. They head to Monroe for a 7 p.m. match-up with the Trojans tomorrow.

"This league is definitely challenging to play in," LaPointe said. "It's fun as a coach—we play some good football teams. As a coach I would rather be 0-4, losing to good teams, than to be 4-0 and have not played anyone. I think that's what it is all about-a chal-

#### Cats

Korona nailed the point after for a 7-0 lead. Plymouth blocked Canton's punt with 2:25 left in the first half to take over on Canton's 17. Myron Puryear punched in a score on the first play from scrimmage to give the 'Cats a 14-0 advantage going into the break.

Canton was on a mission in the second half. Powers plunged it in from the one-yard-line for Canton's first score, making it a 14-6 game. A botched snap on the extra point attempt left it that way.

Two series later, with Canton pinned on its one, Plymouth tackled Powers in the end zone to give them a 16-6 lead with 3:52 left in the third. That was until Powers found David Wilcox for a 33-yard score. Stoney added the point-after to cut into Plymouth's lead, 16-13.

Puryear added another spark when he burned Canton's defense for a 56-yard score at 9:46 of the fourth quarter. Korona's kick was good for a 22-13 lead.

Wilcox scored again for Canton

with 4:51 left, narrowing the gap to

"You play the same team for so many years that we finally said it comes down to who is tougher," Sawchuck said. "We know what they do. We know that they are going to play power football and we just have to man-up and play power football with them. And we did it. They still moved the football a little bit, but you can't shut them down. They are a hell of an offensive team."

Plymouth moved up to 3-1 with the victory.

Puryear finished the night with 144 yards on 15 carries.

Raiford led all rushers with 179 vards on 21 attempts.

"Our defense made some stops when they had to," he added. "Our offense responded and put three scores on the board. Maybe if we score 35 it's a different story, but we only ended up with 20 because we couldn't get it done in the first half."

The Wildcats head to Franklin at 7 p.m. on Friday. Canton (2-2) takes its show on the road to Walled Lake Western at 7 p.m.

## **Eagles shut out by Melvindale, 21-0**

The Romulus Eagles remained winless in gridiron when they lost, 21-0, to host Melvindale on Friday.

Romulus got off to a good start on offense and defense, forcing two turnovers on Melvindale's first two possessions. The Eagles couldn't take advantage and turned the ball over on downs after driving to the Melvindale 30 on the first drive.

On the second drive the team weaved closer to the goal but failed to score from the 1-yard line on two

In the second half Melvindale drove down to the Romulus 7-yard line and turned the ball over on downs. Then, two plays later, Romulus fumbled the ball on its own 7-vard line. Melvindale scored on its first play with two seconds left in the third. The point-after was good for a 7-0 lead.

Melvindale trudged 42 yards on

seven plays to score again from nine yards out. The extra point gave them a 14-0 lead.

Melvindale missed a 30-yard field goal on its next possession but capitalized on the following one with a 29-yard score with 2:15 left in the game.

The game ended with Romulus at midfield on the next drive.

Romulus (0-4) hosts Edsel Ford (2-2) at 7 p.m. on Friday.

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can still win the division and play for a league championship."

Wayne heads to winless Northville at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

"Northville is very well coached

and has an excellent kicking game," Hantuk has of his next opponent. "Their defense has kept them in every game they've played so far. And they want to win bad and don't care that we lost in the final seconds. If we don't get off the mat we could be in trouble. It's up to us to find the mental fortitude and win."

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD SEPTEMBER 4, 20071N THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear. Present: John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, LeRoy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Crova, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Alan R. Lambert, Mayor Linda R. Choate, Clerk

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Navs - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Barden to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held August 27, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes — Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### 07-265

5A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of Abbie Akins, Assistant Finance Director and Thomas Wilson, DPW Director and extend Bid award 06/07-24, Police Motorcycle Changeovers for additional lights for two (2) motorcycles to the lowest qualified bidder, Winder Police Equipment in the amount of \$3,320.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Navs - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### 07-266

5B. Motion by Barden, supported by Bragg to approve the appointment of Candace Poet to the Romulus Recreation Commission as the Romulus High School Student Advisor with a term to expire on 06/30/09.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear,

Wadsworth.

Navs - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### 07-267

5C. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to adopt a resolution to introduce an Ordinance amending the Romulus Code of Ordinances, Chapter 37, Water and Sewer System Section 25(D)(1) Sewer Debt and Capital Replacement Charges.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### 07-268

6A1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 06/07-35 and 07/08-06 introduced at the Council Meeting held August 27, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### 07-269

6A2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to schedule a Study Session discuss an existing Future Tool & Die Recovery Zone on September 10, 2007 @ 6:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes — Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear,

Nays - None.

Navs - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on September 4, 2007.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: September 20, 2007



Photo by Ken Gamer

#### **More Sports**

Western stalls Northville, 20-0 The Northville Mustangs were shut out,

20-0, by host Walled Lake Western on Saturday afternoon.

The Warriors limited the Mustanas to 122 yards of total offense while accumulating 382.

Northville hosts Wayne Memorial at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

Stevenson deflates John Glenn, 45-15 Stevenson is a powerhouse—no doubt

They churned out 448 yards on offense to beat a visiting John Glenn, 45-15, on

The Spartans had a 31-7 lead at the half. The Rocket's lone score in the half came off a defensive play. Senior quarterintercepted back/defensive back Stevenson's first pass from scrimmage and returned it 42 yards for a touchdown just 17 seconds into the contest.

Glenn didn't score again until the second half when Martin ran it in from seven yards out. He also ran in the two-point conversion to make it a 31-15 game. Churchill shut out Salem, 48-0.

Soccer:

Plymouth beat Wayne last Wednesday (above) but fell to visiting Dearborn, 5-1, on Friday. An undefeated Canton (8-0. 6-0 WLAA) pulled out a 4-0 victory over Franklin on Wednesday. Junior Sherif Hassanien scored two goals in the outing and senior Pat Nolan recorded an assist on every Canton goal. Salem earned a pair of wins last week, defeating Churchill, 3-0, last Monday and John Glenn, 6-0; last Wednesday. Josh Pascarella scored all three goals against the Chargers. Sasa Miskovi had six saves for the shut out. Alex Tramel scored three goals and Pascarella two against the Rockets.

## **Inkster crushes Flyers, 51-0**

Jeff Novak Staff Writer

There's not much else to say when a team wins, 51-0, other than: watch out because the Vikings are coming.

Actually, they are already here.

Inkster left a lasting impression last year as the Division 6 state runner up just two years removed from a position as one of the worst teams in the state. Now, at the top of the 'untouchable list', the Vikings are geared up for a return to the big show.

Inkster proved that by shellacking Willow Run on Friday, improving their record to 4-0.

The only thing that went wrong in the outing was that they didn't score on their first possession. They had no turnovers and didn't punt again.

"On defense we did what we had to do," said Inkster Coach Greg Carter. "On offense we were sharper than we have been. Aaron Shavers made some plays.

"We think that we're getting better every week," he added.

"Defense is playing more aggressively and hitting hard. So far our defense only gave up one touchdown this year. We feel that they are playing like we feel they should."

For the second consecutive week, the defense limited the opposing team to less than 100 yards of offense. Willow Run gained 44 yards on the ground on 29 attempts. They were 3-for-7 passing for eight yards and two interceptions.

Inkster racked up 410 offensive yards. Shavers was the fulcrum that pushed Inkster into the stratosphere. He scored four touchdowns-two on the ground and two through the air.

In the first quarter he found senior receiver Renty Rollins for a six-yard score with 6:40 to go and again, four minutes later, for a one-yard pass and a 12-0 lead. In the second he ran one in from the four-yard line at two minutes into the frame and again—from nine vards out-with 4:49 left in the half. He capped off a stellar first half with a 20yard strike to senior receiver Derrick

James Delleh made his first extrapoint attempt on the night for a 32-0 lead

Shavers' final score came on a 27yard pass to Coker, making it a 38-0 game after the extra point attempt was

Willis Thomas rumbled 55 yards for a score with 2:30 left in the third quarter the extra punt was blocked. Romeiro Williams capped off the scoring for Inkster with a 19-yard gallop with 24 seconds left to play. Delleh's kick was good.

Senior Demetrius Perrin led all rushers with 79 yards on four carries. Shavers added 63 yards on 10 runs. He was 7-of-13 for 136 yards through the air. Coker nabbed four catches for 80-tyards and Rollins caught three for 56 yards.

"It was a good win for us," Carter said. "Willow run had some good players that we were able to handle and their defense gave us some problems to start but we found a couple of plays that worked for us—we had to play well to beat them."

Inkster hosts Annapolis at 1 p.m. on

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Christopher King and

Shelby and Hanna Slone.

Great Grandfather of

Joseph and Jenah Mann.

Brother of the late

Raymond King and Hanna

Furlong. Family received

friends at the Uht Funeral

Home, Westland. Military

nonors were accorded at

the burial service at Ft.

Custer National Cemetery,

Augusta, MI. Please visit

and post a tribute at

www.uhtfh.com.

LASKEY, Robert H.

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## Gregory, Jerome, Diane,

Marion Myor (of Bainbridge, GA and FLA), Jackson and Andrea Harp and Amanda McGowan and son Anthony (of Detroit, MI); 10 great nieces and nephews, 5 brothers-in-law, 1 sister-inand nephews of TX, AR, Memphis, CA, St. Louis and Chicago. Services were held at, and final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral

THOMASON, Norma J. September 5, 2007 age 70 of Garden City. Beloved wife of Neil. Dear mother of Wendy (Brian) Bouren and Deniece (Dave) Caincross. Grandmother of Nicole and Sarah Bouren and Heather Singh. Great Grandmother of RJ Singh. Services were held at the Uht Funeral Home,

post a tribute at

www.uhtfh.com

WRIGHT, Elizabeth "Betty" September 7, 2007 age 78 of Westland. Belvoed wife of Joseph L. Wright. Dear mother of Michael

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(Marilyn), Karen (August) Hartman, Brenda Wright and the late William and Robert, Grandmother of Kyla and Sara Wright and the late Jeremiah Hartman. Great Grandmother of Lilian and Elissa York. Sister of Robert, Russell,

Raymond Smith. The family received friends at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland and services were held Monday, September 10, 2007, at Westland Free Methodist Church with Pastor Randy

the late Richard and

Entombment was in United Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Plymouth. The family requests memorials to The Epidermolysis Bullosa Research Fund,

Bennett officiating.

through Wayne Westland Friends of EB, P.O. Box 851092, Westland, MI 48185. Elizabeth was very involved in WW Friends of EB and had been working on a disc of her music to help raise money for EB research. The family would

like to thank all donors with a copy of this disc of music. Please visit and post a tribute at

www.uhtfh.com.



YOUNG, Donald Charles,

age 68, died August 28, 2007. He was born February 23, 1939. Donnie will be deeply missed. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving mother Beatrice Young; aunt Oretha (John); brothers James (Martha), Steve (Martha), Paul (Charlene) and Reginald; sisters Adoria (Hugh), Cynthia, Regina and Beatrice (B.B.) plus a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by sisters, Lamona and Gretchen. Services were held at Greater Grace Temple with Suff. Bishop

Gary Harper officiating.

#### 1. Obituaries



HEIGHT-EL, Timothy, age

43, died Aug. 24, 2007.

He was born April 1, 1964 He leaves to mourn and cherish his memories his devoted wife Cheryl Walker-Height-El; his father Willie Height; son Brandon Johnson; sisters Tambara Height, Tara Erva Jones (Jacksonville, FL), Theresa Coleman (Wayne, MI), Alesia and Teresa Jarrett (Inkster, MI); brothers Daniel (Boone), Johnnie (Peanut), Kenny and Terry (All of Inkster, MI); motherin-law Martha Walker (Inkster, MI); father-in-law Algernon Walker (Elaine) of Montgomery, AL; sisters-in-law Annette

Edwards (Craig) of Atlanta,

GA and Dorothy Williams

of Romulus, MI; brothers-

in-law Algernon and Marchall Walker of Inkster, MI: a very special nephew. Cerdon Abney Jr. along with 16 other nieces and nephews; 14 great nieces and nephews: 5 aunts. Isabelle Gray (Inkster, MI) Sarah Price and Emma lean French (Detroit, MI), Catherine Ross and Annie Mae Jackson (Jackson, FL); a very close friend, Craig Bonner (C.B.); all of his brothers and sisters from the Moorish Science Temple of America; plus a host of friends and severasl cousins too numerous to mention. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Brother C.P. Fugua Bey officiating. Cremation rites were accorded. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.

King, Charles E. (AI) September 14, 2007 age 77 of Romulus. Beloved husband of the late Mary. Dear father of Leah (Walter) Cholette, Lori King, Albert King and Mary (Timmy) Slone. Grandfather of Cali and Jeremy Trevorrow,

September 13, 2007 age 74 of Westland. Beloved husband of Bonnie. Dear father of Kathy Ringwelski, Vickie (Joe) Pulido, Carol (Mike) Moore, Robert L. Laskey, Bonnie S. (Nickie) Todaro amd Charles A. Laskey. Grandfather of 11, Great Grandfather of 11. Brother of Charles, Jerry, Frank, and the late Ralph Laskey. Services were held at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, with Fr. Jack Baker officiating. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Westland. Please visit and

post a tribute at

www.uhtfh.com.



MUWWAKKIL, Julius

(McGawan), age 84, died

Aug. 29, 2007. He was

born March 30, 1923. He is survived by his wife of 60 plus years, Halimah Clementine; his loving and devoted children, Rasheeda (Eunice) Hasan, her husband, Wealthy Hasan, Julius Muwwakkil Jr., Gregory and Lerenia "Yassien" (all of Romulus, MI); his grandchildren, Kameela "Charletta". Michael Russel, Shaun, Junette (wife of Shaun) and Shahidah (all of Romulus, MI); great grandchildren, Shantinique Russell, VerShaun and

Aaliyah Russell (also of

Romulus, MI); sisters,

Rosalie Jackson, Evelyn

(all of Bainbridge, GA);

nephews and nieces,

Frank, Lula, Tammy,

Home, Inkster, MI. Cremation rites were accorded.

Westland on Sunday, September 9, 2007. Cremation rites were Jackson and Helen Linton accorded. Please visit and

Cremation rites were accorded. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.

#### 5. Announcements

Coffee Sale Fundraiser for the Wayne Memorial Music Program \$12/12oz Prem. Coffee Plenty of flavors to choose from Please help support the program Call 734-244-6046 for more info.

#### 30. Help Wanted

A manufacturer is seeking a reliable maintenance person with electrical / mechanical knowledge. Good salary and benefits.

> Please call: 734-941-8100

Or apply in person: Saturn Electronics 28450 Northline Romulus, MI

APARTMENT MANAGER Site manager for affordable housing community. Experience in project based Section 8 req. Excellent opportunity for aggressive results oriented professional. Competitive wage benefit package, 401K. Self-starters email resume to: Resumes@imsteam.net **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY** 

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Direct Care Staff positions in Belleville group home. Must be over 25 years of age, have current driver's license with good driving record, and high school diploma or GED. Nursing home exp. helpful. Will train.

Call (586) 296-3568 Bet. 10am-5pm

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Handyman Service Technician PT/FT \$15-20/hour plus bonus Min. 5 yrs. exp. Must be clean-cut, have own tools, pass drug/background check Fax resume to: 734-671-5851 or email to

mrhmsewc@sbcglobal.net

Live-in Assistant Manager couple wanted for a hotel in Detroit vicinity. Call: 440-610-6606 for appointment

**NOW HIRING:** Companies desperately need employees to assemble products at home. No Selling, any hours. \$500 weekly potential Info. 985-646-1700 Dept. MI-7180

OFFICE MANAGER Site manager for affordable housing community. Experience in project based Section 8 req. Excellent opportunity for aggressive results oriented professional. Competitive wage benefit package, 401K. Self-starters email resume to:

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734-451-7800

#### 31. Sales Help Wanted

ACCOUNT REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED

The Journal Newspapers has immediate openings for sales representatives to serve our circulation area. Candidates must have reliable transportation and a willing attitude. Base plus commission. Newspaper or media sales experience preferred, but will train the right candidate.

Please send resume detailing experience and availability to:

Susan Willett Journal Newspaper Group P.O. Box 339 Wayne, MI 48184

#### 33. Child Care

Retired RN will baby-sit in my home while you work Call Barbara at: 734-895-1545

#### 34. Specialized Services

Need help looking for someone in your family tree? Want to know where great-grandpa was born? Local genealogy services available at very reasonable rates. Call 734-260-1069 for more info.

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\$2,500-\$5,000 in 30 days. Stuff and mail envelopes for our companv. \$5 each. For more information, send a large self addressed stamped envelope to: Global Research P.O. Box 310643 Flint, MI 48531

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Looking for more business referrals? The Masters of Opportunity chapter of BNI meets every Friday from 7am to 8:30am at the Wayne Tree Manor Visitors are Welcome. Call Trish at: 734-890-1250

Looking for women experienced in business who desire financial, time and family freedom. NASDAQ company listed on Forbes Fortune and Business Week as one of America's hottest growth companies. Call 1-877-71Dream

#### 42. Health and Fitness

**NEED MEDICAL** SUPPLIES??? Free medical supplies and equipment for your use. Walkers, canes, wheelchairs, crutches, to name just a few.

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Donate your supplies outright to the "Medical Supply Sharing Ministry.'

Whether you need supplies, or have supplies to donate, or have questions about the program, call Cathy at 734-699-5565

#### 45. Adult Care

VOLUNTEER **OPPORTUNITY** 

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> Please call: 734-727-7388 between the hours of 8:30am and 4:00pm, Monday-Friday.

Mileage is reimbursed for meal delivery.

Call 734-467-1900 to place your ad.

34. Specialized Services

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#### 50. Pets & Supplies

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#### 54. Rummage Sales

TAYLOR Rummage Sale St. Paul's Church 24158 Goddard Rd. (W. of Telegraph) Sep 27 (9-5pm) Sep 28 (9-4pm) Sep 29 (9-11am) Furniture, Tools, Household Items VERY GOOD Clothing & Misc. Items

#### 58. Garage and Yard Sales

Garage Sale 9601 Morton Taylor Belleville

> Fri. & Sat. Sept. 21 & 21 8am-5pm

WAYNE Large Neighborhood Garage Sale West of Elizabeth North of Michigan Fri., 9/21 & Sat., 9/22 9am-5pm

#### 59. Auctions

MR. STOR-IT 5235 S. Merriman Rd. Westland, MI 48185 734-721-4670

Auction Date: Sat., Sept. 29, 2007 11:00AM

Cash & Credit cards only NO CHECKS

Unit 181-John Muldowney: Boxes, furniture, misc. household

Unit 236-Brandon Goff: Furniture, misc. household

Unit 348-Melinda Perkins: Boxes, clothes, furniture,

Unit 462-Jacqueline Carey: Boxes, clothes, toys, misc.

> Unit 404-Thomas Grihorash: Auto parts, boxes, misc. tools

Unit 504-Thomas Grihorash: Auto parts, bike, furniture, tools

Unit 529-Thomas Grihorash: Boxes, electronics, TV, tools, misc.

Unit 524-Jamara Brown: Bed boxes, furniture

Unit Y559-Eric Borre: Chevy Monza

121. Autos Wanted

ENGINES TRANSMISSIONS RADIATORS AIR CONDITIONING BODY PARTS AUTO GLASS

SED WHEELS - BRAKE PARTS

JUNK CARS WANTED

ONE OF THE LARGEST STOCKS IN THE AREA"

**AUTO PARTS** 

Unit Y805-William Sweeney: 1968 Volkswagon

Unit Y809-Timothy Parker: 1978 Monte Carlo

Notice of Public Sale. On October 18, 2007 at 12:30 PM, U-Store-It 401, 28266 Ecorse Rd., Romulus, MI 48174 with reserve, will sell by the unit to the highest bidder by CASH, all rights, title and interest to the following property:

Unit D3-Edward J. Kantzler: Hand tools. misc.: Unit 95-Dvana Taylor: Computer, misc.; Unit D44-John Williams: Suitcase, misc.: Unit E24-Michael Lee Elrod: Weed whacker, dresser, misc.

PUBLIC AUCTION October 7, 2007, 10:00AM Fort Knox Storage 39205 Ford Rd. Westland, MI (734) 981-0700 www.fortknoxmi.com

In accordance with Michigan law, Fort Knox Self Storage will sell to the highest bidder, the entire contents of each of the following storage units. All units contain common household goods unless otherwise noted

#510-Rodger D. Lavigne, Inc.

#504-Craig Ellis #525-Jeffrey Caulfield #529-Bruce White #431-Joseph Zeolla #378-Fowler, Inc. #228-James Howard #220-Deborah Tozer #218-Amy Wickmam #211-Markeina Conner #249-Shawn Williams #143-Nicole Pickeral #054-Deborah Tozer #196-Tina Kuykendall

**AUTO AUCTION** Howard's Towing & Collision 35830 Van Born Rd. Wayne, MI 48184 734-326-1114

September 25, 2007 2:00PM All Vehicles Sold "As Is" Cash Only

1995 Ford Windstar 2FMDA5149SBA84037

2001 Plymouth Neon 1P3ES46C01D252608

1993 Mercury Topaz 1MEPM36X4PK632618

1995 Chrysler Conv. 1C3EU4536SF606489

1995 Ford 1FALP4042SF273241

1997 Dodge Caravan 2B4GP45R7VR258695

1994 Jeep Cherokee 1J4GZ78S8RC147756

1996 Chevrolet Cavilier 1G1JC1244T7177429

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1997 Saturn SC2 1G8ZH1271VZ157873

1997 Lincoln Mark VIII 1LNLM91VXVY649664

1994 Pontiac Gr. Prix 1G2WJ12M2RF233860 1996 Chevrolet Lumina

2G1WN52M3T9154441

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction on Sept. 26, 2007 at 11:00 A.M. at:

> J & M Towing 8964 Inkster Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

1993 Ford 1FALP5348PG289513 2003 Ford 1FMZU75W13UC64242 1993 Ford 1FACP52U3PG262429 1992 Lincoln 1LNLM82W4NY668199 2002 Ford 1FTRW08LX2KC86225 1993 Jaguar SAJHW174XPC669354 1999 F. Liner 1FV3GFAC1XHA54799 1989 Nissan JN1H536P5KW016801 1996 Ford 2FMDA5144TBB17575 1986 Honda

1HGED3653KA040229 1992 Buick 1G4HR52L4SH557863 1996 Ford 1FALP653XTK197031 1982 Chevrolet 1GTCS14A0N2500199 1992 Olds

1990 Ford KNJBT07HXL6151051 1988 Toyota JT2VV22W3J0020791 2000 Pontiac 1GMDX03E5YD223638

1G3WH51T5ND386407

Please Note: The bidding will start at the towing and storage charges

AUTO AUCTION J & T Crova Towing 36573 Grant St. Romulus, MI 48174 (734) 941-0221 Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2007 9:00 AM

1988 Chevrolet Impala 1L69G9J128269

1993 Ford Escort 1FAPP11J5PW288330

1993 Plymouth Voyager 2P4GH2533PR192905

1994 Ford Explorer 1FMDU34X0RUE49422

1FAPP36X5LK203075 1999 Mercury Tracer 1MEFM13P9XW620834

1990 Ford Tiempo

1996 Ford Windstar 2FMDA5143TBB34674

1993 Saturn 4Dr 1G8ZK5573PZ231981

Van 5V8VA53286M600714

these vehicles were towed by Romulus Police.

On Sept. 26, 2007, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at J&T Towing and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr., Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be

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1G2WH54T8PF224312 07-11679 1990 Mercury 4Dr 2MECM75FXLX624996 07-11804 1992 Ford 4Dr 1FACP52UXNG226816 07-14912 1992 Ford 4Dr 2FAPP36X2NB185437

1FMCU22X5NUD81282 07-15365 1979 Mercedes 4Dr 11612012013438 07-15770

07-15038

1992 Ford 2Dr

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2001 Ford 4Dr 1FAFP34391W210600 07-8767 2003 Chevrolet 4Dr 1G1JF52F837297685 07-11944 1998 Ford 4Dr 1FALP6535WK173563 07-14176 1993 Chevrolet TK 1GBDM19Z2PB187564 07-14936 1992 Ford TK 2FTEF15Y6NCA37157 07-14966

07-15410 All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted

1993 Ford SW

1FMCA11U0PZC81428

from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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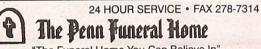
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